

# Leaving Home

Essential Question: Leaving home has financial and emotional significance. What are some of the feelings and conflicts most teenagers experience during this time?

*-Achieving Independence-*

"The day before I left home I stayed up all night, wandering through the house, staring at the wallpaper in my room that we were always going to redo someday with something I liked, looking out the kitchen window as the sun came up over the greenhouse across the street. And I thought to myself, 'This is it. Things will never be the same again. I can come home again, but I will never be a child in this house again.' I'm glad those days are gone. I hope I never have to go back there and live off my parents again. But I'm sad too-far what happened, and didn't happen, and because that part of my life is all over now, do you know what I mean?"

Anonymous

DIRECTIONS: Respond to the following open ended statements and be ready to discuss the issues in class.

The best part about leaving home is...

The worst part about leaving home is...

The ideal age to leave home is...

Once I leave home, I would move back if...

What I miss most about childhood is...

What I look forward to the most about adulthood is...

List the ten most important decisions you will make in the next ten years.

How are you dependent on your parents?

How are you independent of your parents? Explain.